

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Blackwater River. Blackwater River is identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for the General Standard (Benthic). The Blackwater River segment is located in Franklin County. The impairment is approximately 37 miles in length and begins at the headwaters of the North Fork of the Blackwater River and continues downstream until 1 mile below the Route 921 Bridge.

§303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting on the development of the Blackwater River TMDL will be held on **Tuesday, January 28, 2003**, at 7:00 p.m. at The Community & Hospitality Center located at 52 Franklin Street in Rocky Mount, Virginia.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on February 28, 2003. A fact sheet on the development of the TMDL is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Jason Hill. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Jason Hill, Department of Environmental Quality, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia, 24019, telephone (540) 562-6724, Fax (540) 562-6860, or e-mail jrhill@deq.state.va.us.